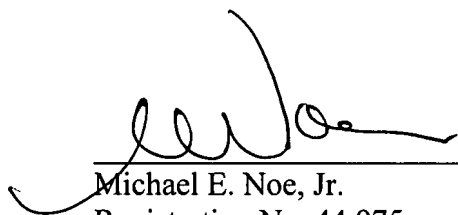


REMARKS

Applicant certainly appreciates the allowance of Claims 4-14. Claims 1-3 and 15-19 are canceled. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable action is requested.

A Petition to Revive for Unintentional Abandonment has been filed concurrently with this amendment. No other fees are believed to be required. However, in the event that any additional fees are required, please charge them to **Bracewell & Giuliani LLP's Deposit Account Number 50-0259**.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Noe, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

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